



ADDENDUM

SEPA File No. 99-042004

Description of the original proposal:

State of Washington Commercial Geoduck Fishery Management Plan (FMP), May 23, 2001, prepared by the Department of Natural Resources. The FMP lays out the goals and practices that are followed for managing the state's subtidal wild stock geoduck resource. The FMP represents the preferred alternative identified in the 2001 Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (FSEIS).

Description of the addendum:

This addendum adds minor new information from the Federal Services Biological Opinions on Effects of 2007 WADNR Low-Effect Geoduck Fishery HCP and associated Incidental Take Permits. The Endangered Species Act - Section 7 Consultation Biological Opinion, Conference Opinion, Unlisted Species Analysis, Section 10(a)(2)(B) Findings and Magnuson-Stevens Fisheries Conservation and Management Act Essential Fish Habitat Consultation; prepared by National Marine Fisheries Service on December 15, 2008, provides analysis of this fishery for potential impact to listed species. These opinions found the underlying activities to have inherently low impacts on the affected species' distribution, abundance, and the habitats they depend upon.

Incidental Take Permit 1608 prepared by National Marine Fisheries Service on December 15, 2008; describes reporting requirements and operational parameters for the term of the permit (2059), and authorizes incidental take of listed and unlisted species relevant to the covered activities. At the time of issuance the species include: Puget Sound chinook salmon, Hood Canal summer run chum salmon, Puget Sound steelhead, Southern DPS green sturgeon, Pacific herring, Puget Sound/Strait of Georgia Coho salmon, Pink salmon: Even year and Odd year, Pinto abalone, and Olympia oyster.

Incidental Take Permit PRT-TE187810-0 prepared by the United States Department of the Interior, Fish and Wildlife Service, issued on January 8, 2009; describes reporting requirements and operational parameters for the term of the permit (2059), and authorizes incidental take of listed and unlisted species relevant to the covered activities. At the time of issuance the species include: Bull trout, Marbled murrelet, California brown pelican, Tufted puffin, Coastal cutthroat trout and Bald Eagle.

Description of existing environmental document:

Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (FSEIS), "State of Washington Commercial Geoduck Fishery." Issued by the Dept. of Natural Resources and Dept. of Fish & Wildlife, May 23, 2001. The FSEIS is a programmatic review of the physical and biological impacts associated with geoduck harvest using the water-jet harvest method. A 2008 addendum was also issued to the FSEIS to update the Fishery Management Plan.

Proponents:

Washington State Department of Natural Resources and Washington State Department of Fish & Wildlife.

Lead Agency:

Washington State Department of Natural Resources



This addendum is being distributed pursuant to WAC 197-11-600 and 197-11-625. It has been determined that this new information does not substantially change the analysis of significant impacts in the existing environmental document.

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There is no DNR administrative SEPA appeal.